

A Brief History of Race and Ethnicity in Austin

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Presentation Takeaways

The background of the slide features a faded, artistic rendering of the Austin skyline, including the UT Tower, with a group of people walking and cycling across a bridge in the foreground.

In terms of race and ethnicity, the City of Austin has experienced profound diversification over the past 50 years.

And yet, diversification dynamics are shifting, structurally and spatially.

Austin's collapsing housing affordability is remaking the racial and ethnic landscapes of the City and the metropolitan region.

The structural and spatial histories of Austin's African American, Latino and Asian populations each have had their own unique trajectory.

The Single Member District Vote



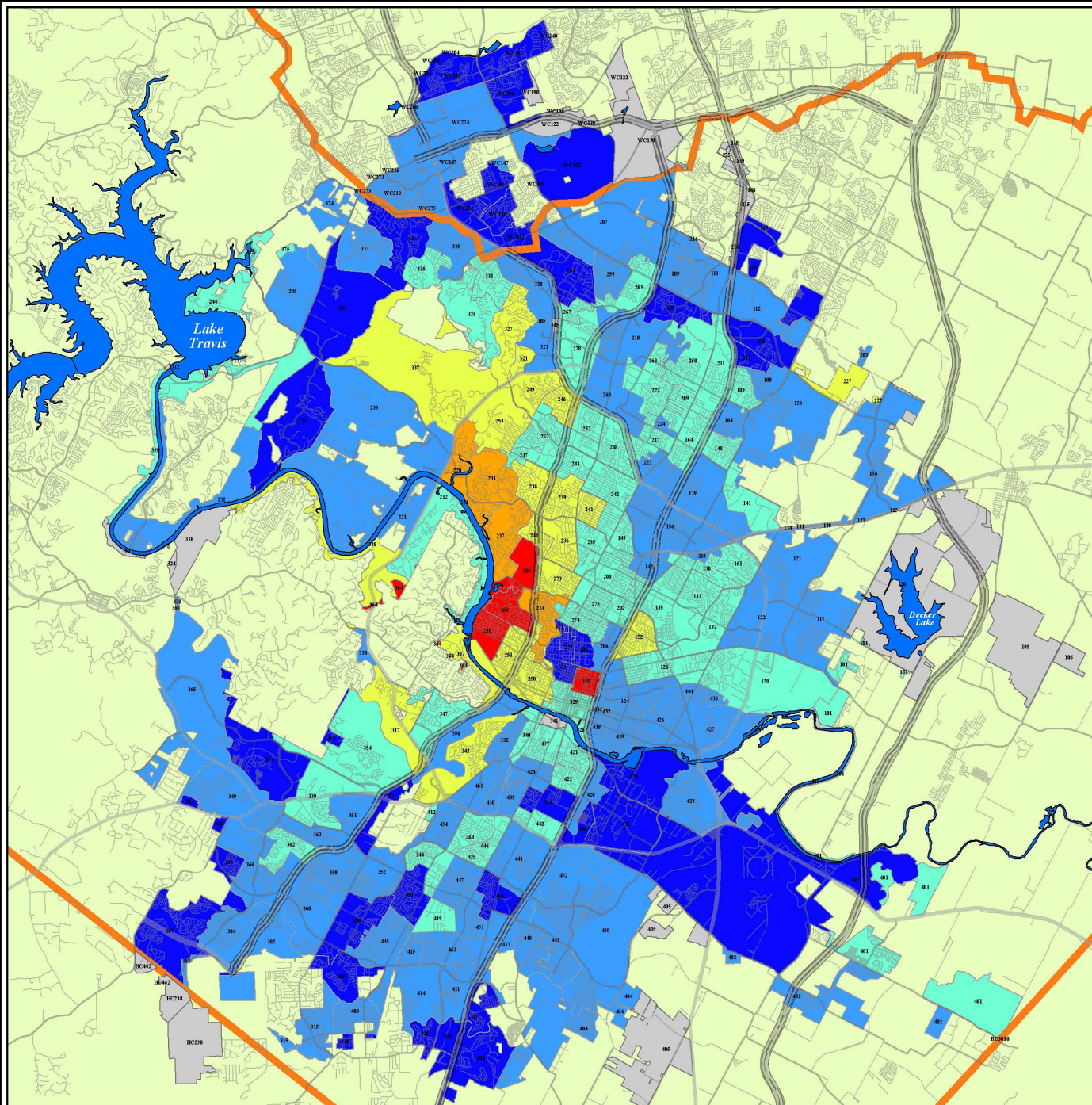
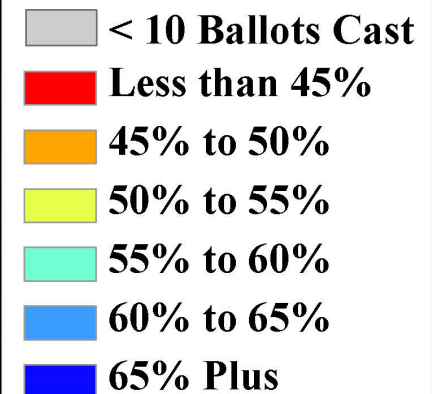
Proposition 3 Results: The 10-1 Plan

November 6, 2012

Percent of Voters Who Voted
For Proposition 3, by Precinct,
City of Austin.

**Overall Percentage
in favor of
Proposition 3 = 60.1%**

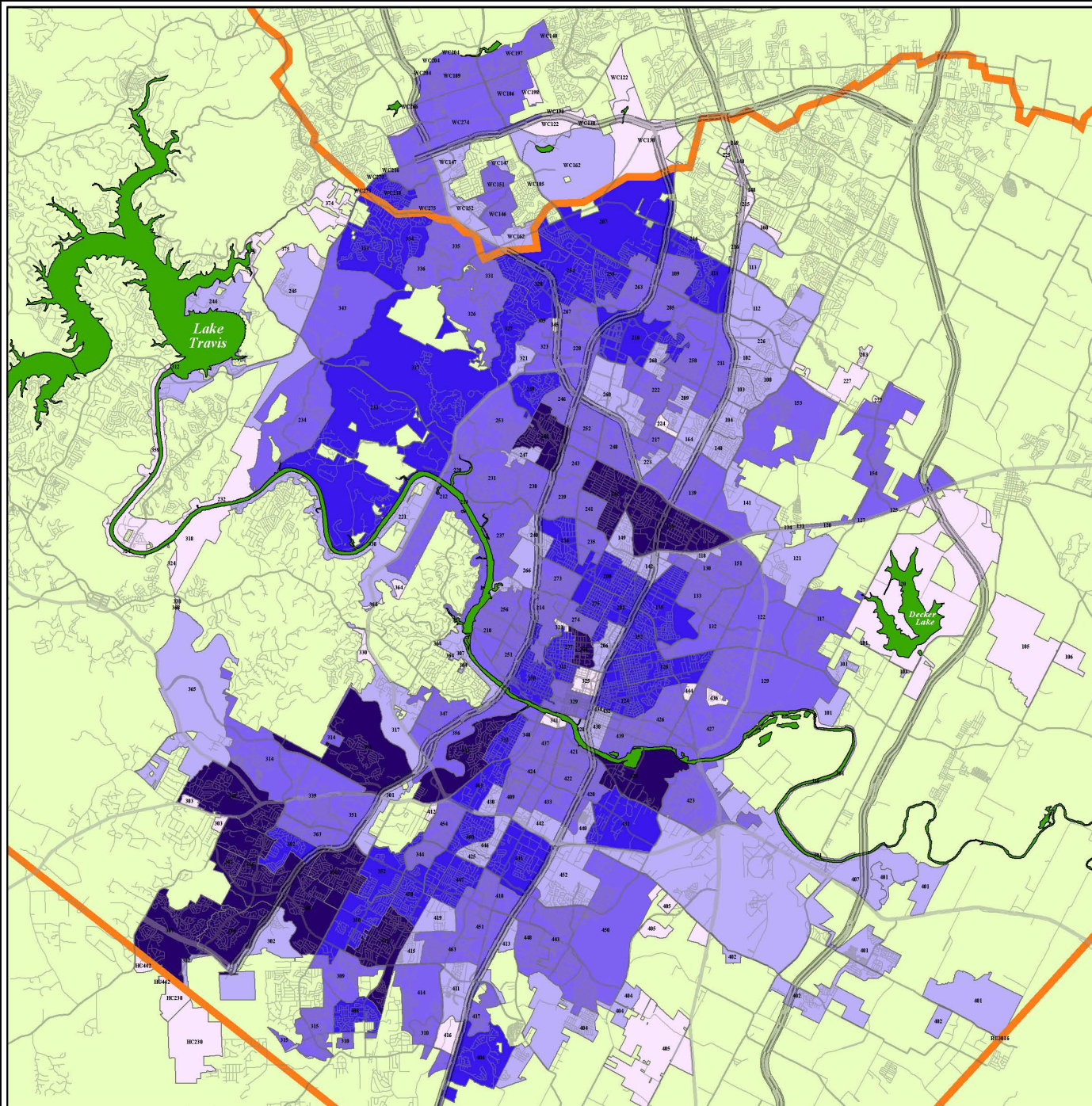
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Total For Votes Proposition 3 Results: The 10-1 Plan

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Total For Votes

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- 500 to 1,000
- 1,000 to 1,500
- 1,500 Plus

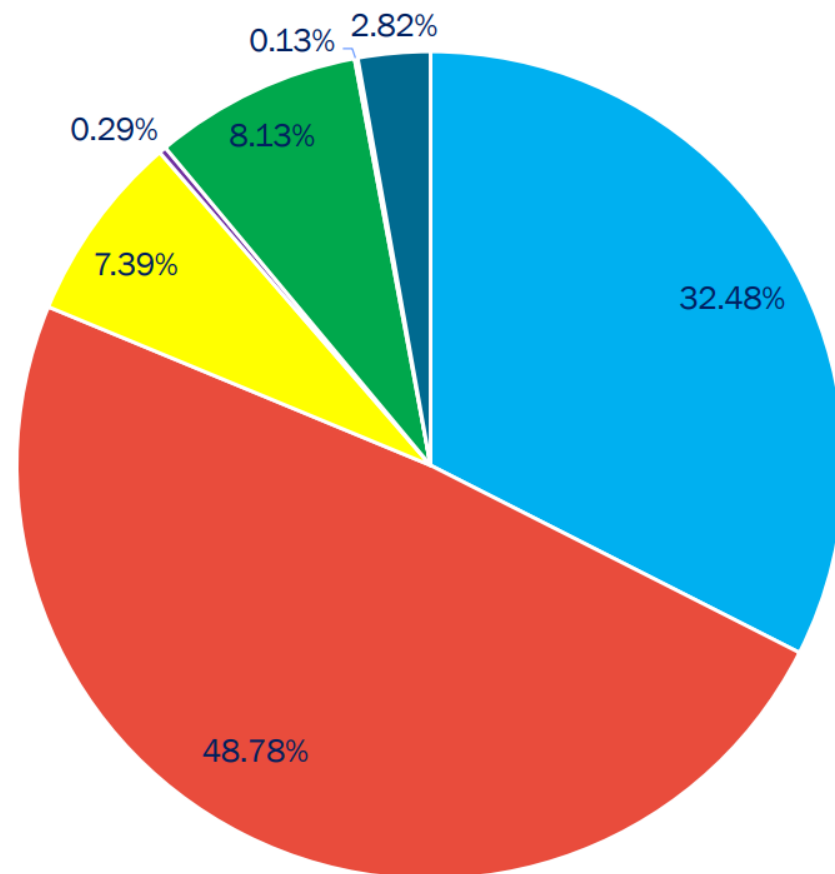
A Brief History





Austin Race/Ethnicity Composition, 2019

- Hispanic or Latino
- White, NH
- Black or African American, NH
- American Indian and Alaska Native, NH
- Asian and Pacific Islander, NH
- Some other race, NH
- Two or more races, NH



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2019. Note: NH = Non-Hispanic



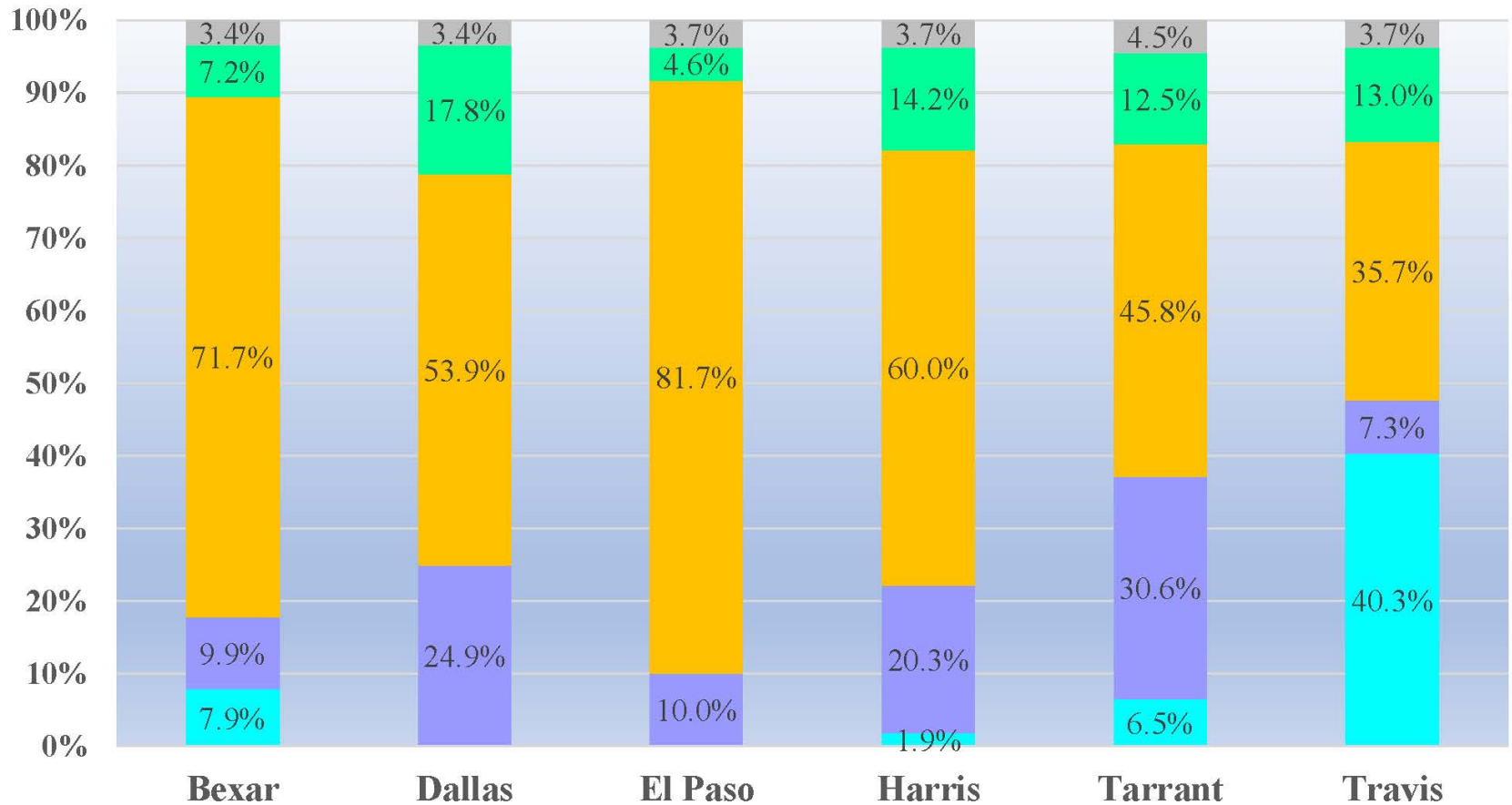
Austin Racial-Ethnic Composition Change, 2010 to 2019

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	2010	2019	Percent of Total	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Change
Hispanic or Latino	277,707	318,016	32.48%	40,309	14.51%	21.34%
White, NH	385,271	477,688	48.78%	92,417	23.99%	48.93%
Black or African American, NH	60,760	72,344	7.39%	11,584	19.07%	6.13%
American Indian and Alaska Native, NH	1,967	2,796	0.29%	829	42.15%	0.44%
Asian and Pacific Islander, NH	46,560	79,584	8.13%	33,024	70.93%	17.48%
Some other race, NH	1,448	1,260	0.13%	-188	-12.98%	-0.10%
Two or more races, NH	13,677	27,575	2.82%	13,898	101.62%	7.36%
Total	790,390	979,263	100.00%	188,873	23.90%	100.00%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates 2019. Note: red text denotes decrease since 2010

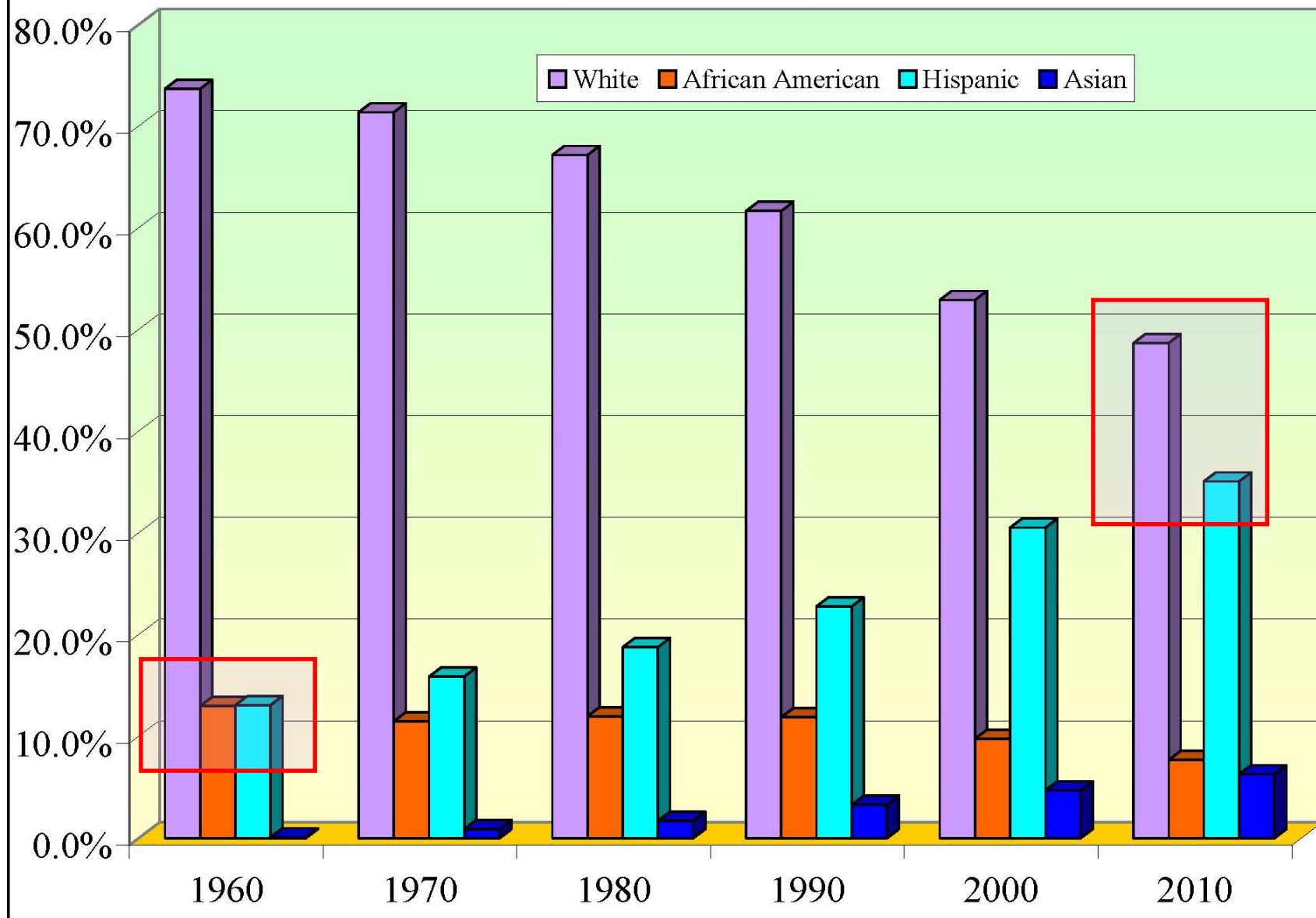
Share of Positive Population Growth, 2010 to 2018, by Race and Ethnicity, Big Six Texan Urban Counties



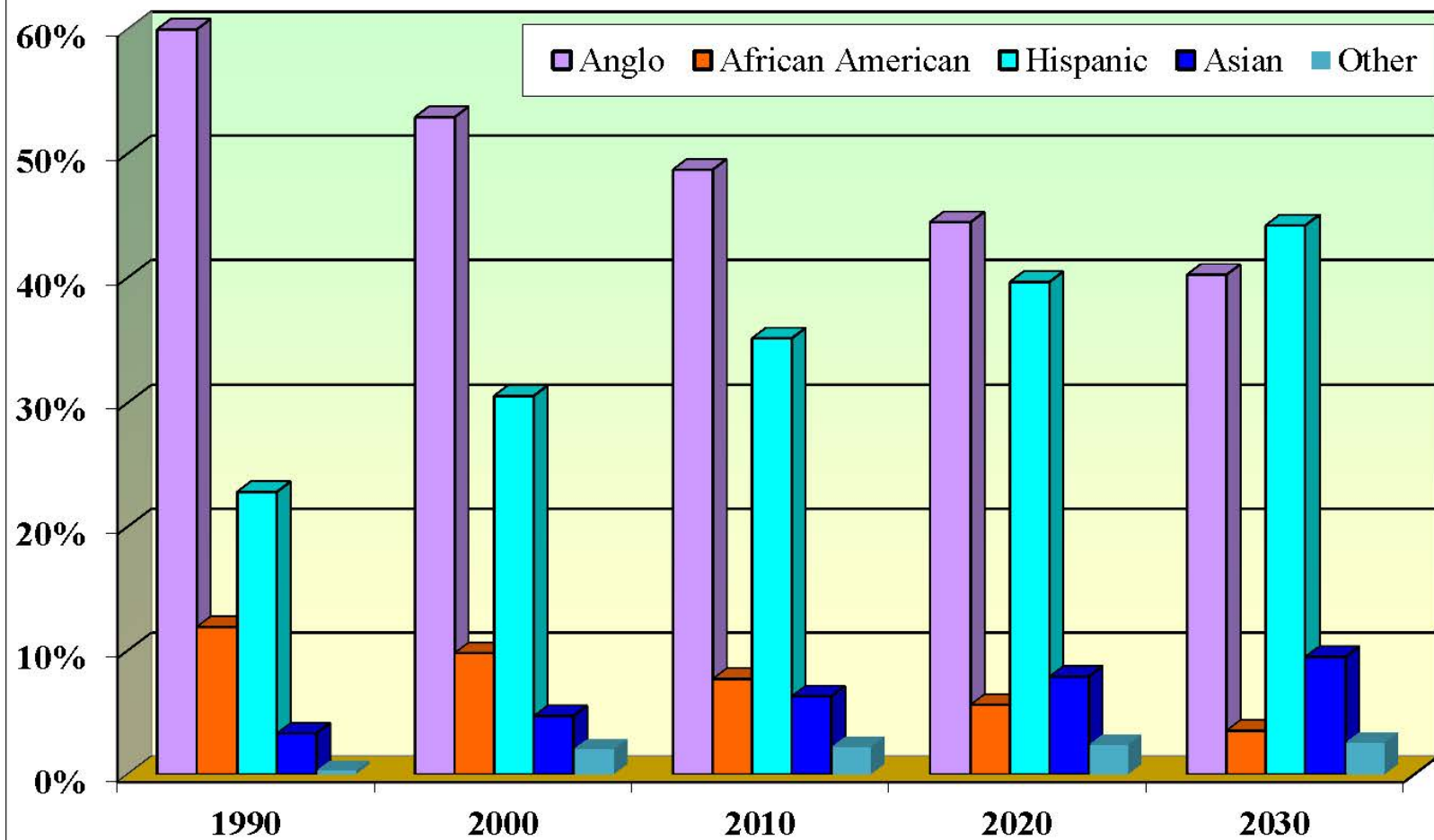
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 ■ Black
 ■ Hispanic
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 ■ Multiple

City of Austin Racial and Ethnicity Shares History: 1960 to 2010



City of Austin Racial and Ethnicity Shares History and Forecast: 1990 to 2030



African American Population



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names like Eliza, Minnie and Brinnie, names of very minor places associated with the Union during the Civil War, such as Clarksburg and Galesburg, and the name of one major event at Harper's Ferry quietly mark the history of this area.

Bergen, Daniel, Gracy
Map of Austin & Surrounding Properties
Bergen, Daniel, Gracy, 1891
Map # L-23

Communities not indicated on map:

Burditt's Prairie (the Burditt Plantation)

East Austin at Felix Ave. and Valdez St. on the east, Felix and Vasquez St. on the Northeast. Burditt's Prairie Cemetery is to the north of Felix Ave.

Ryna Branch

In or near Bluff Springs (exact location not known).

Bell Hill

Off Bee Caves Road near Jackson Cemetery (exact location not known).

1. **Pleasant Hill** - East of Waller Creek, west of San Marcos St., with E. 11th St. on the north and E. 7th St. to the south.
2. **Mason Town** - East of Waller Creek between E. 3rd on the north, E. 6th to the south and Chicon St. on the east.
3. **Wheatville** - East bank of Shoal Creek between W. 24 St. and W. 26 St. with Rio Grande St. on the east.
4. **Robertson Hill** - On the bluff north and west of the French Legation, north of Pleasant Hill area and east of Waller Creek. Also, between E. 10th and E. 14th with East Ave. (I-35) on the west and Navasota St. to the east.
5. **Clarksville** - Early boundaries were Waterston St. to the north, W. 10th to the south, W. Lynn St. on the east and Johnson Creek on the west.
6. **Gregory Town** - Chincapin or Rosewood to the north, Rector and Comal to the west, E. 7th to the south, and Chicon on the east.
7. **Barton Springs area** - extending from near the Paggi House (the old Goodrich Plantation) on Lee Barton to the south near Oltoft between Goodrich and Kinney. Information on the precise boundaries is unclear.
8. **Southside** - Eva and S. 1st streets on the east to S. 5th on the west. Southern boundary near Oltoft St. with the northern boundary on Monroe St.
9. **Horst's Pasture (Horst Plantation)** - East Ave. between 23rd and 24th streets. Exact boundaries unknown.

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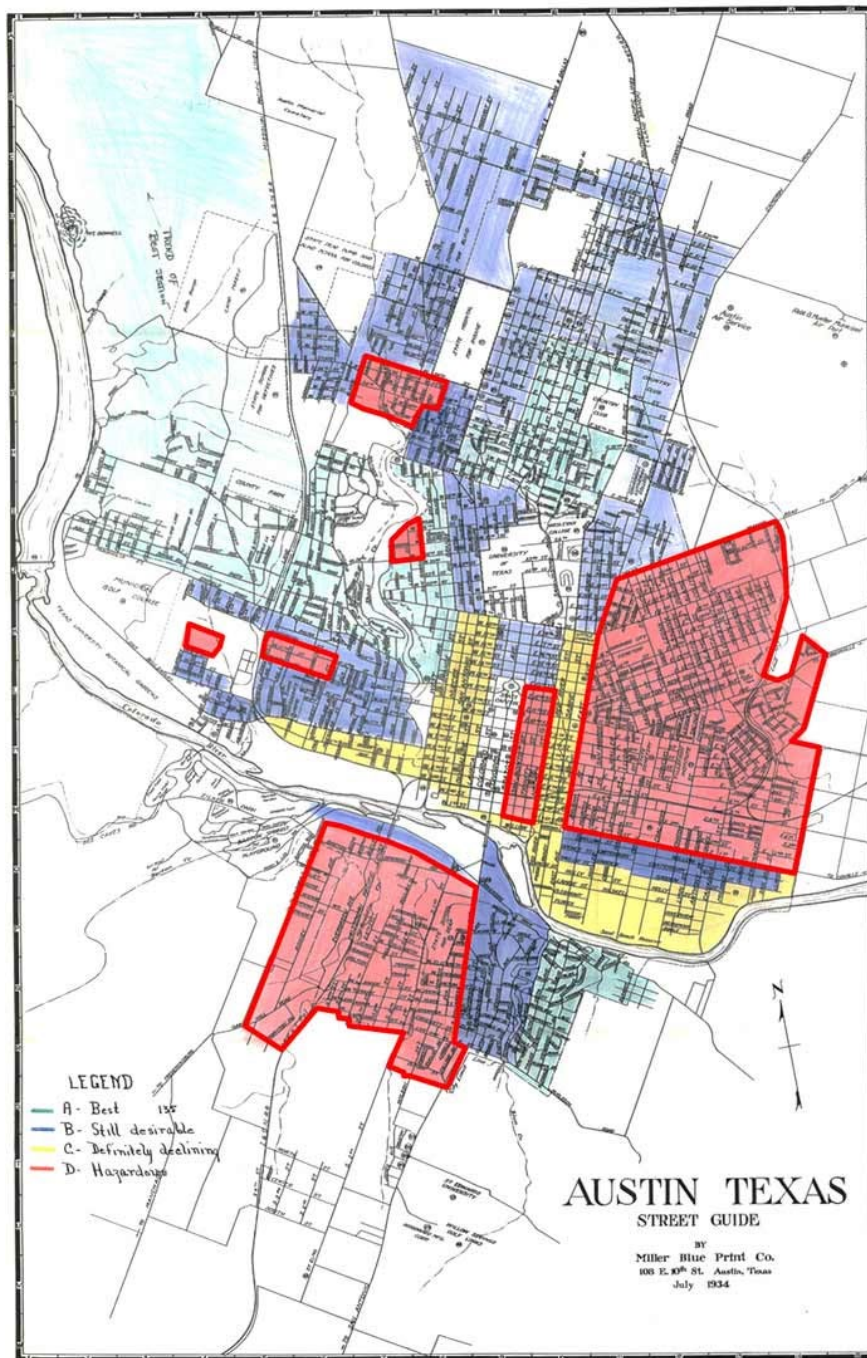
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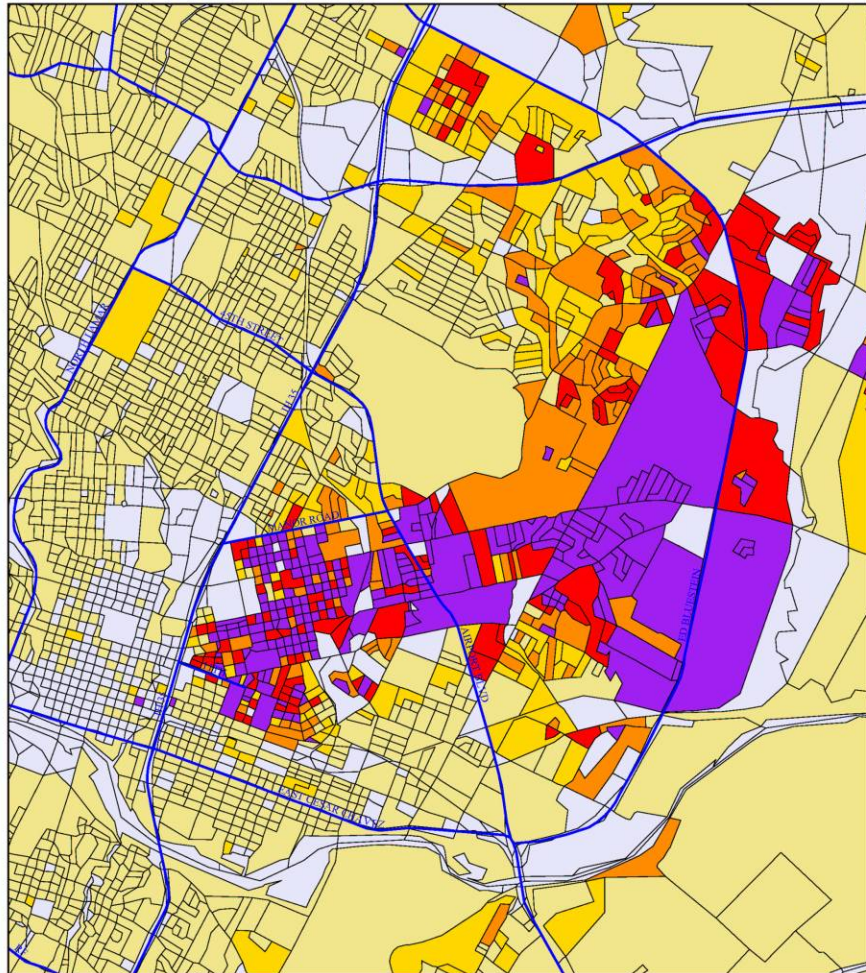


Federal policy formalizes these boundaries with redlining

Changing African-American Landscape in East Austin

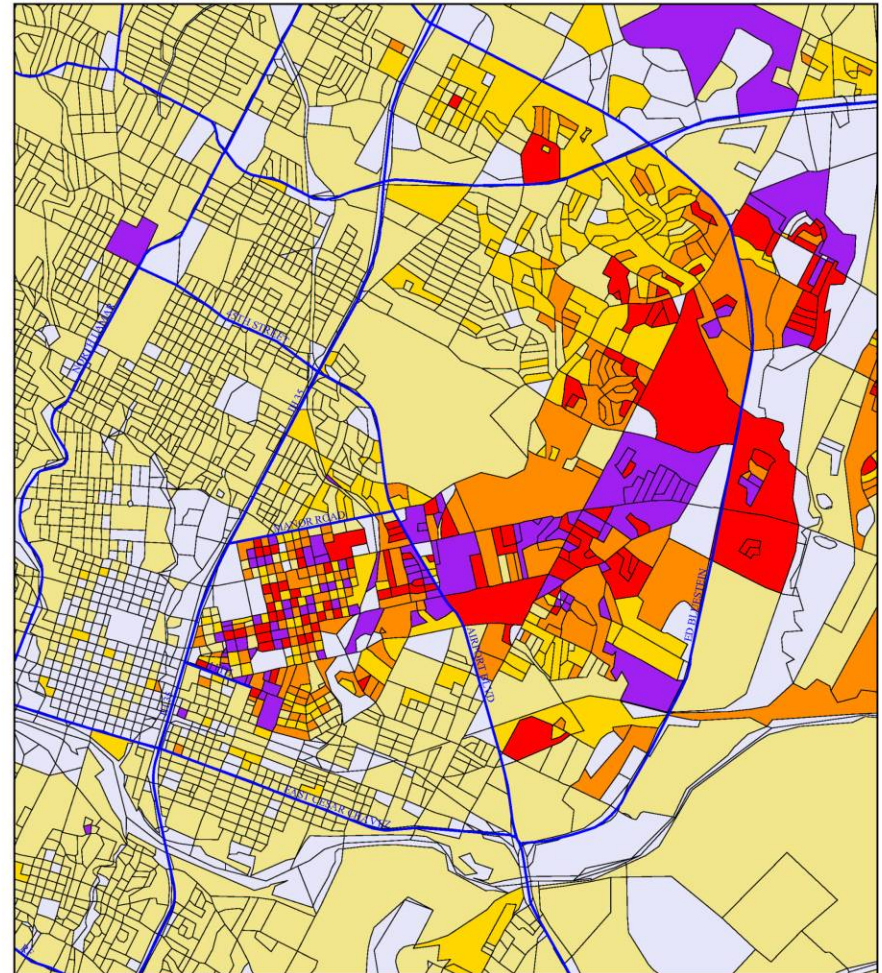
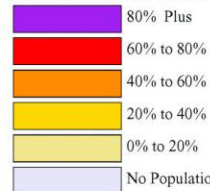
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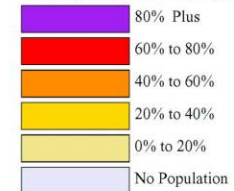
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Percent African-American



2000 Population

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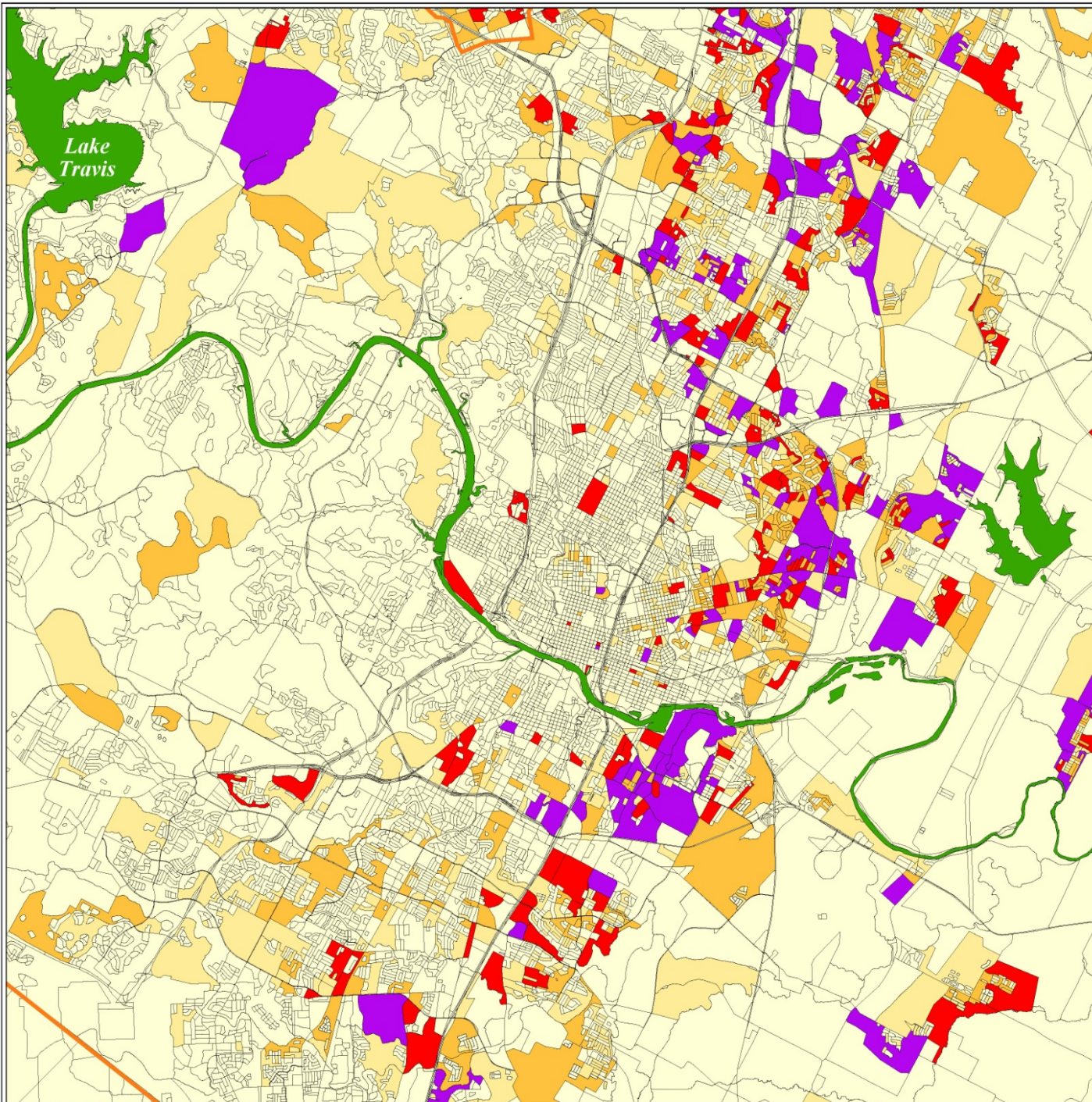
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African American Absolute Number of Individuals

Austin, Texas
Census 2010 Data

Total
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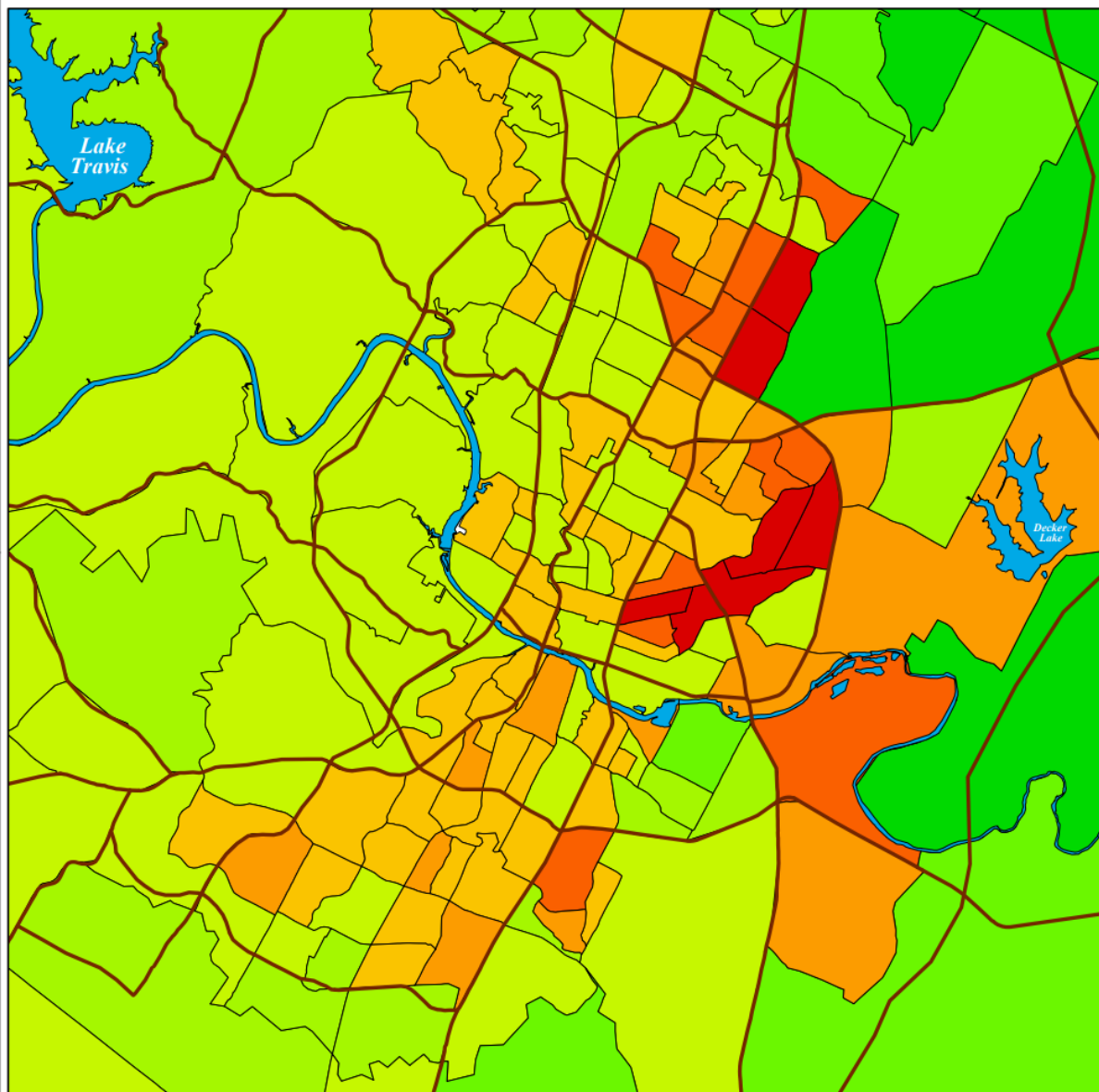
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INTRODUCTION

Austin, Texas has consistently ranked among the fastest growing major cities in the United States (a major city is defined here as one with a population of more than 500,000 in 2000). U.S. Census data from 2000 and 2010 reveal a total population growth rate of 20.4%, making Austin the third fastest growing major city in the nation during that decade. But among the ten fastest growing major cities in the United States, Austin stood out in one crucial respect: it was the only such city that suffered a net loss in its African-American population. Indeed, between 2000 and 2010, Austin was a statistical outlier—it was the only major city in the United States to experience a double-digit rate of general population growth coincident with African-American population decline.



African American Population Growth and Decline: 2000 to 2010

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Change in a Census Tract's Total African American Population from 2000 to 2010 at the 2000 tract-level



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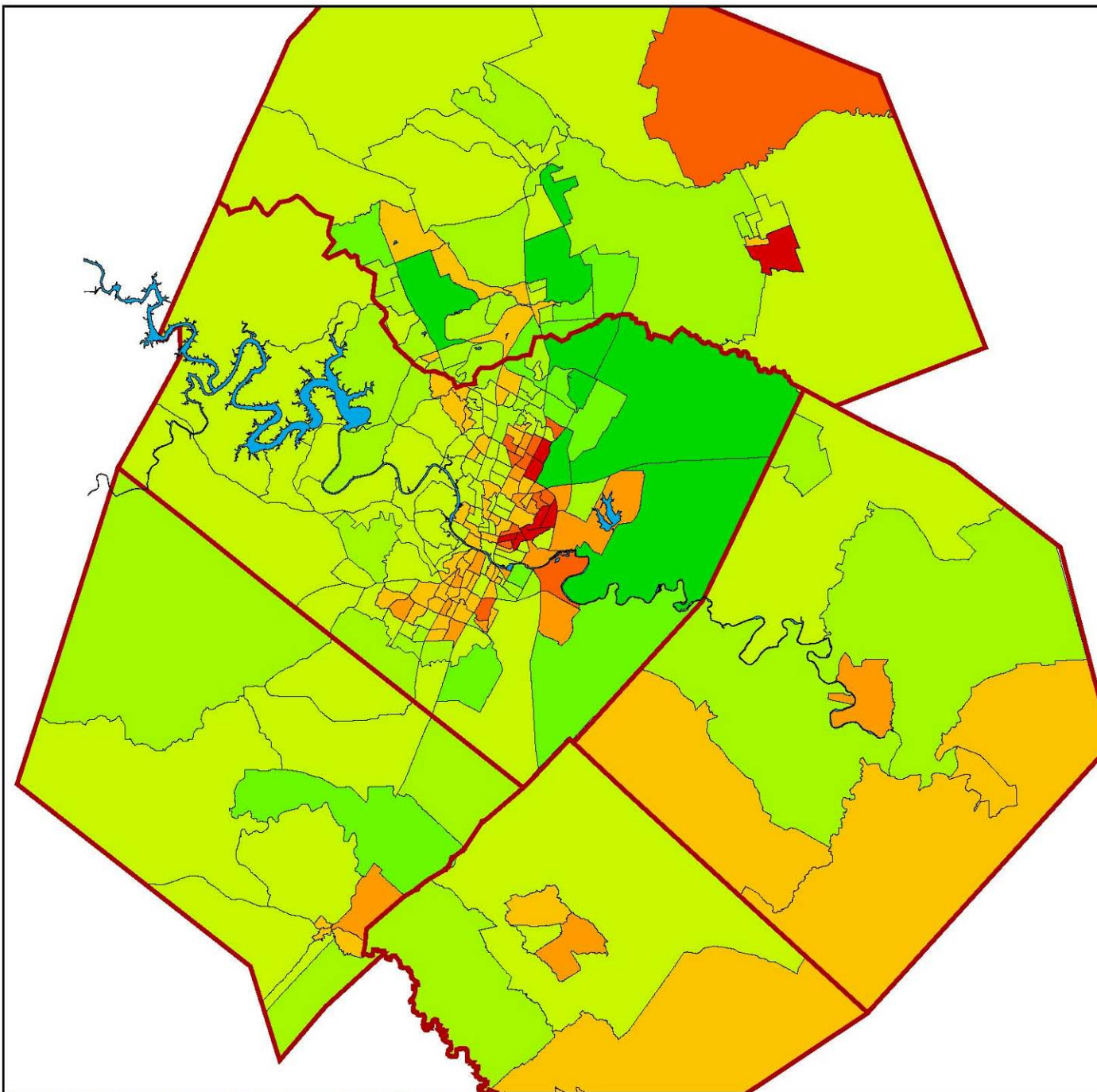
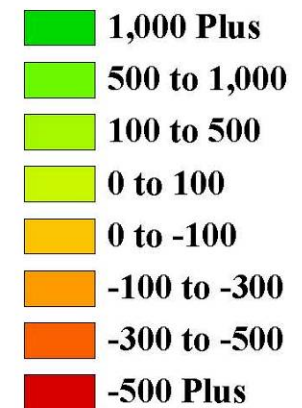
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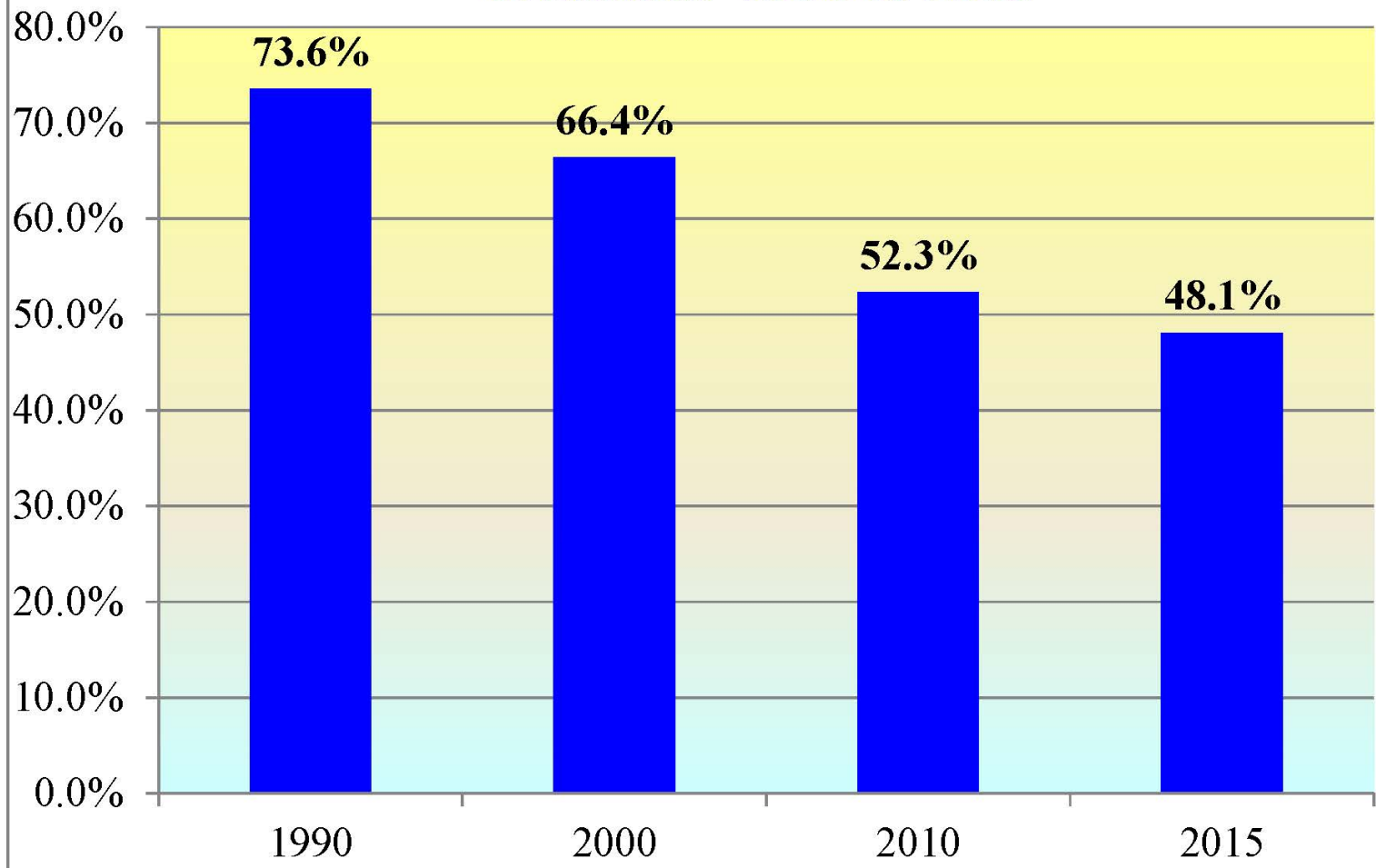
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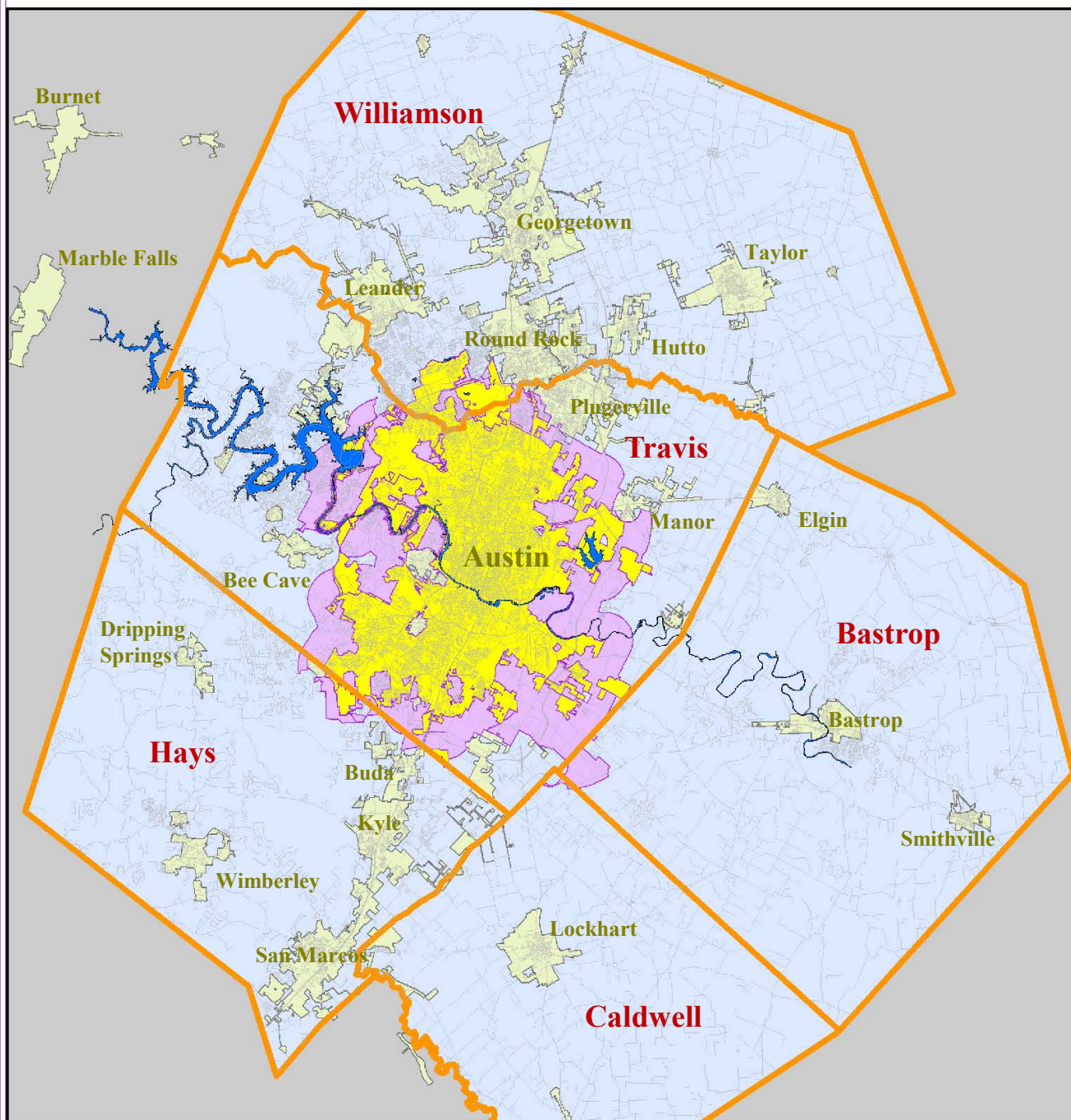
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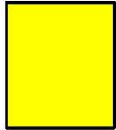
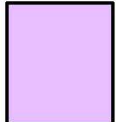


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Metropolitan Statistical Area

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The Whitening of the Urban Core: 2000 to 2010

Austin, Texas

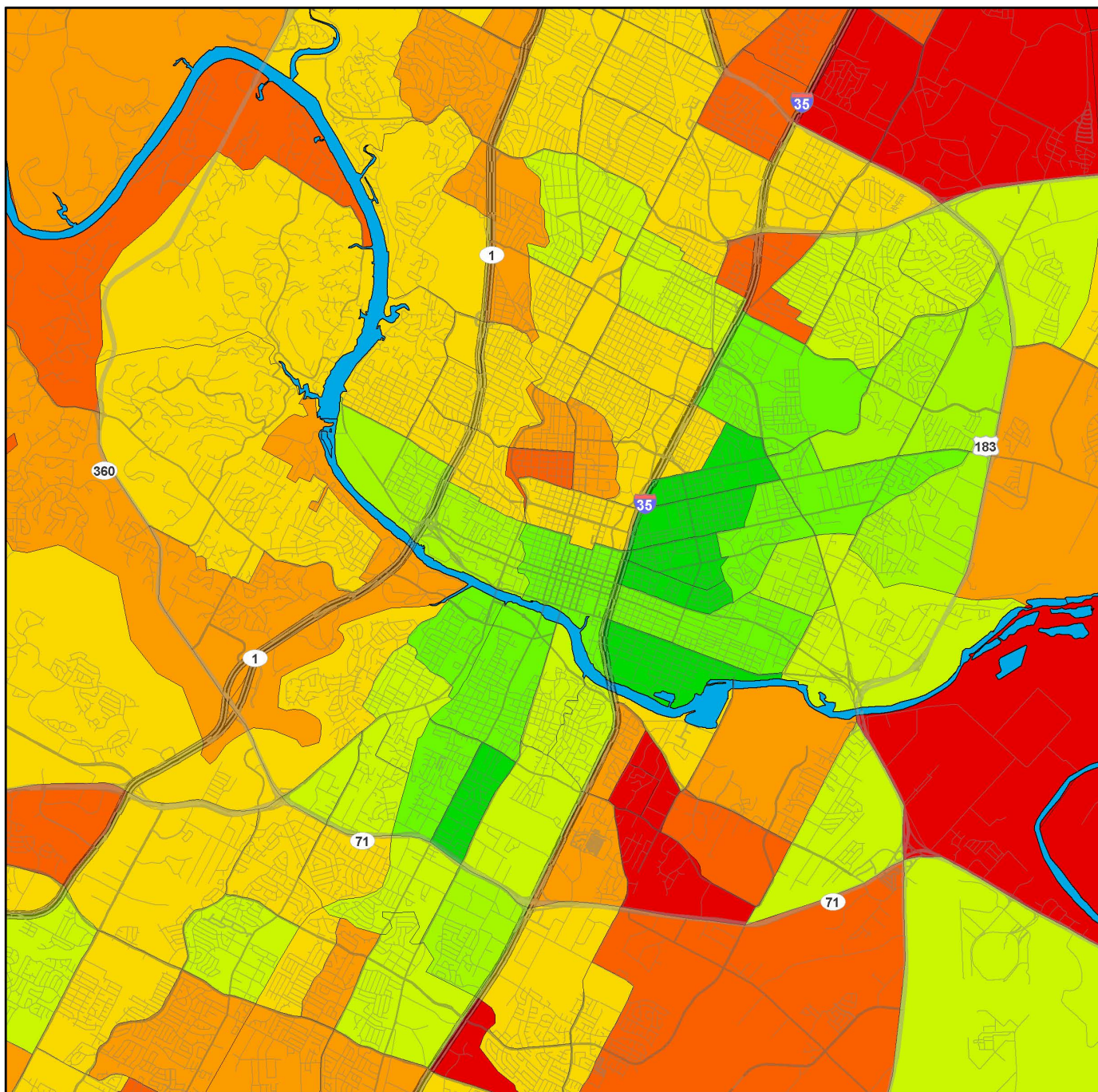
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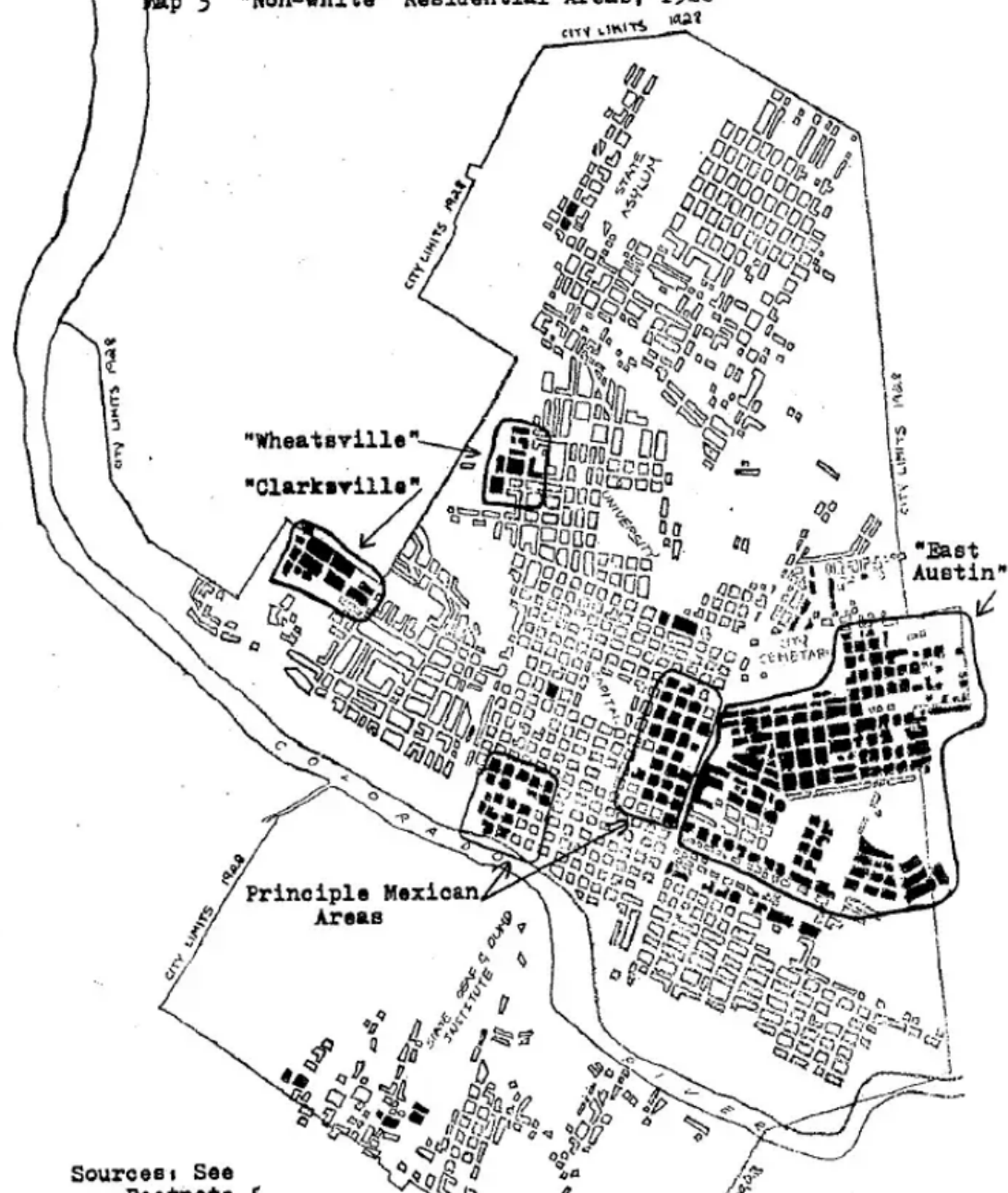
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Hispanic—Latino Population



Map 5 "Non-white" Residential Areas, 1928

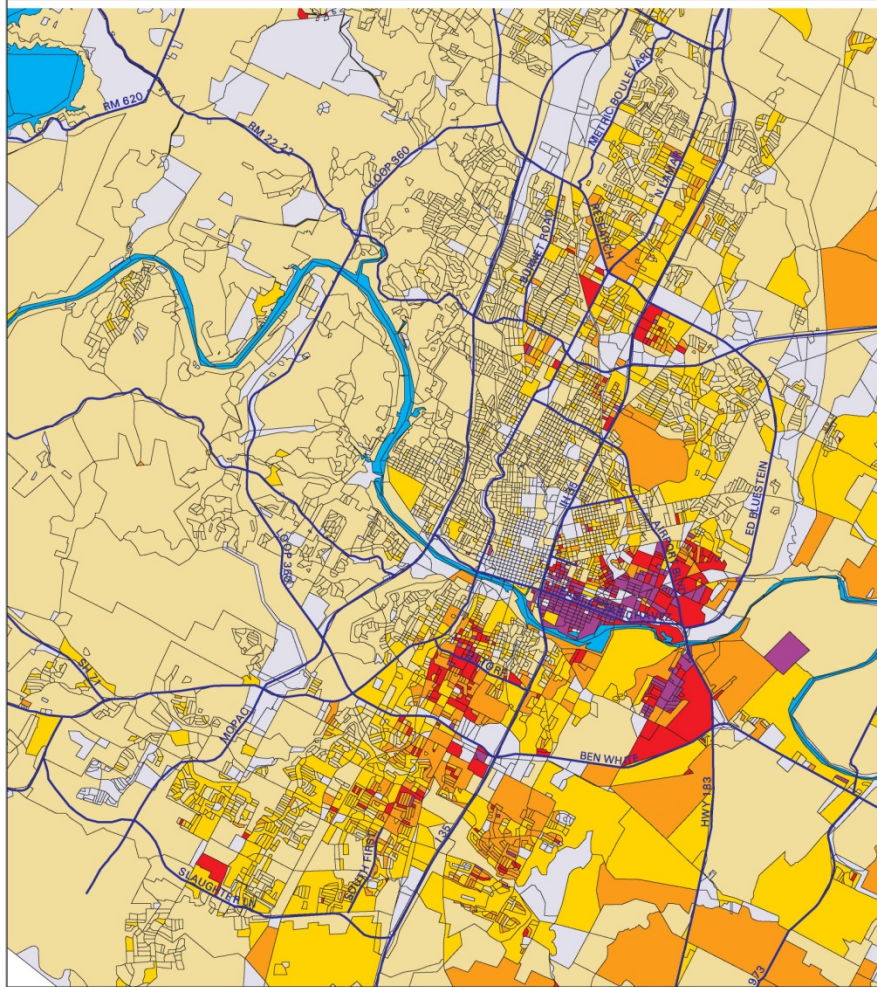


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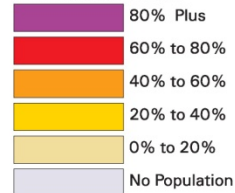
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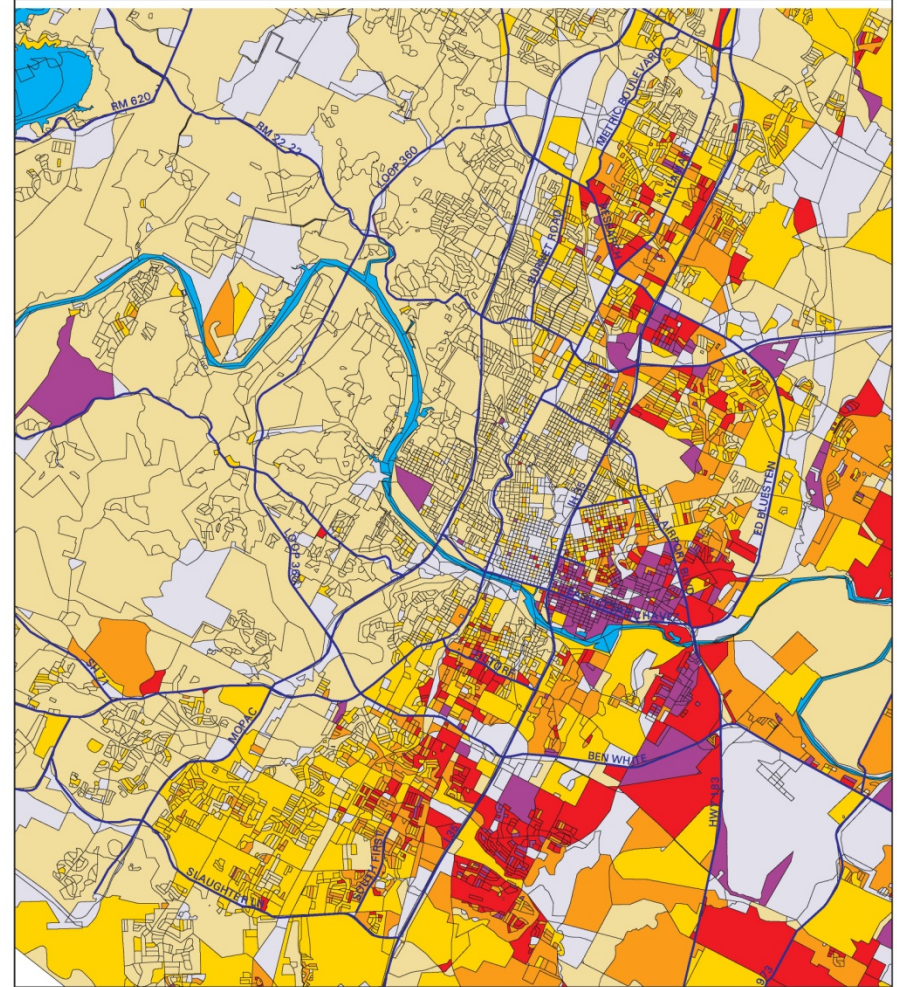


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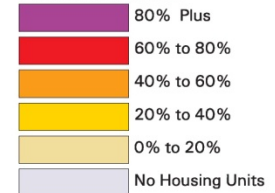


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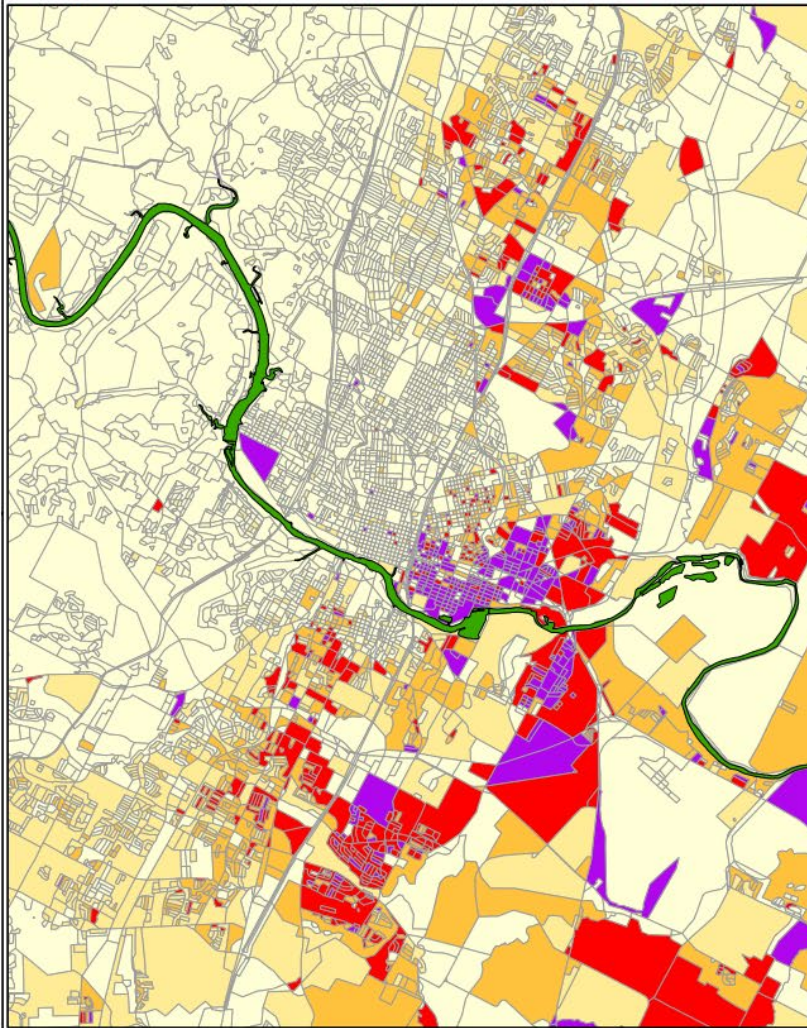
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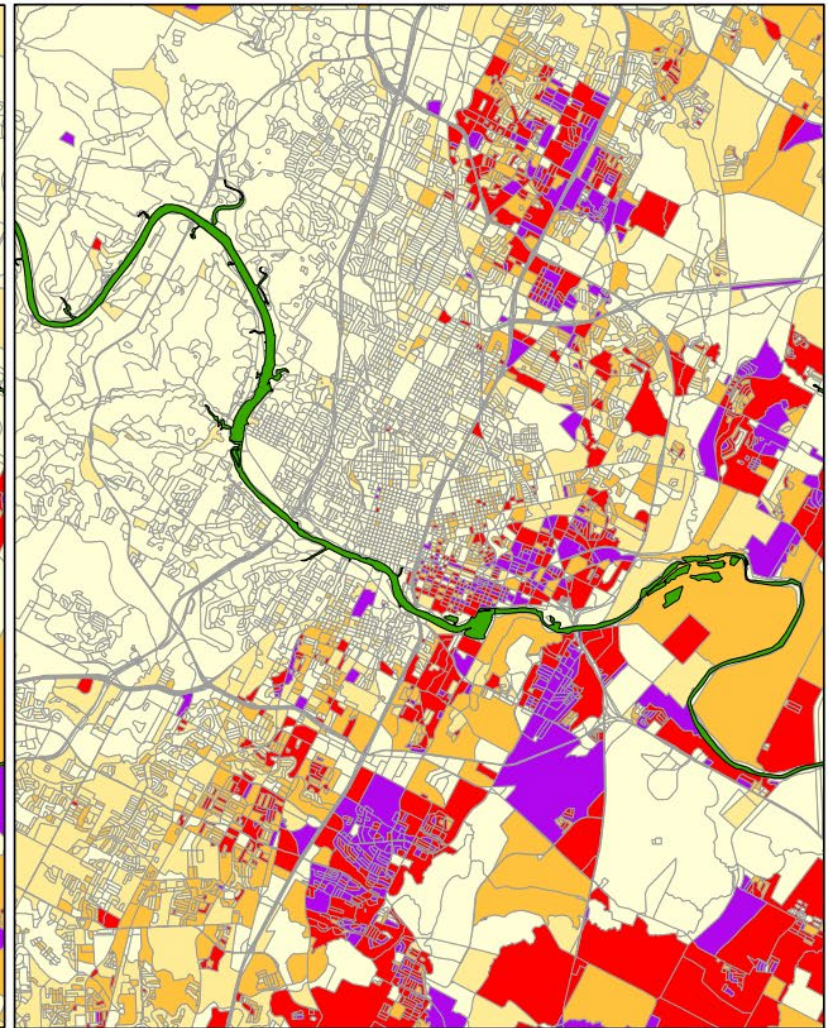


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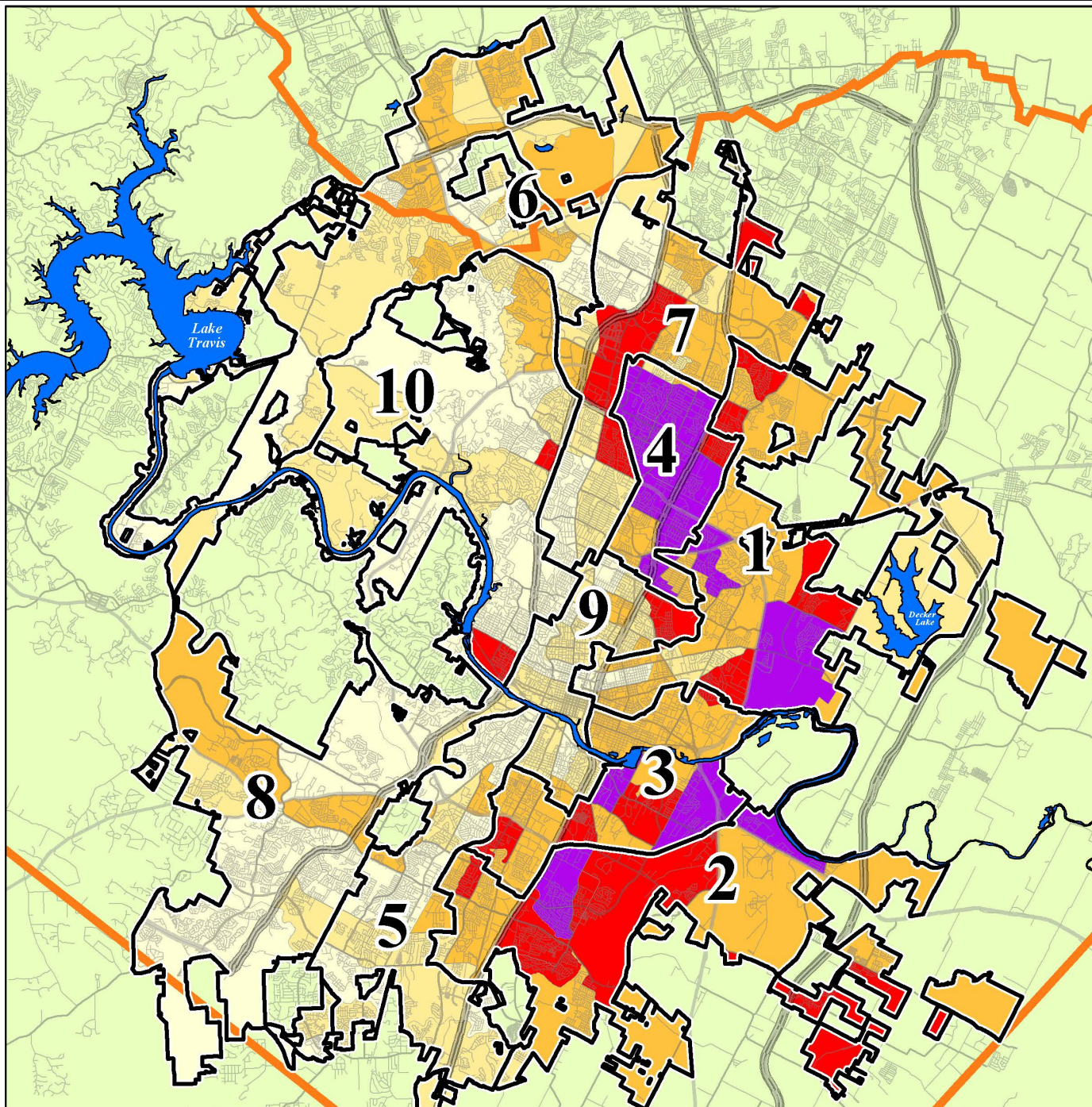
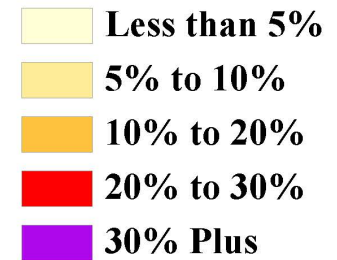
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Percentage of
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Austin, Texas

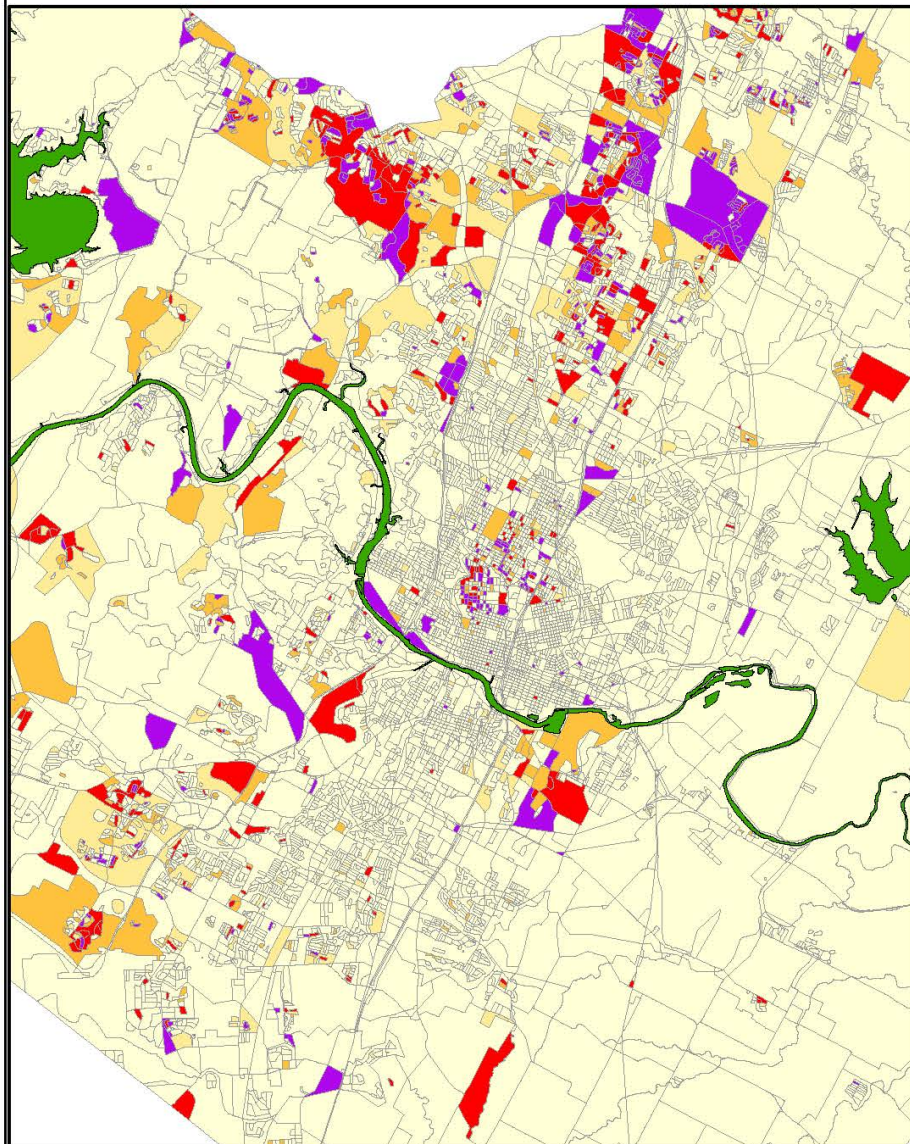


Asian Population



Changing Asian Landscape--Travis County

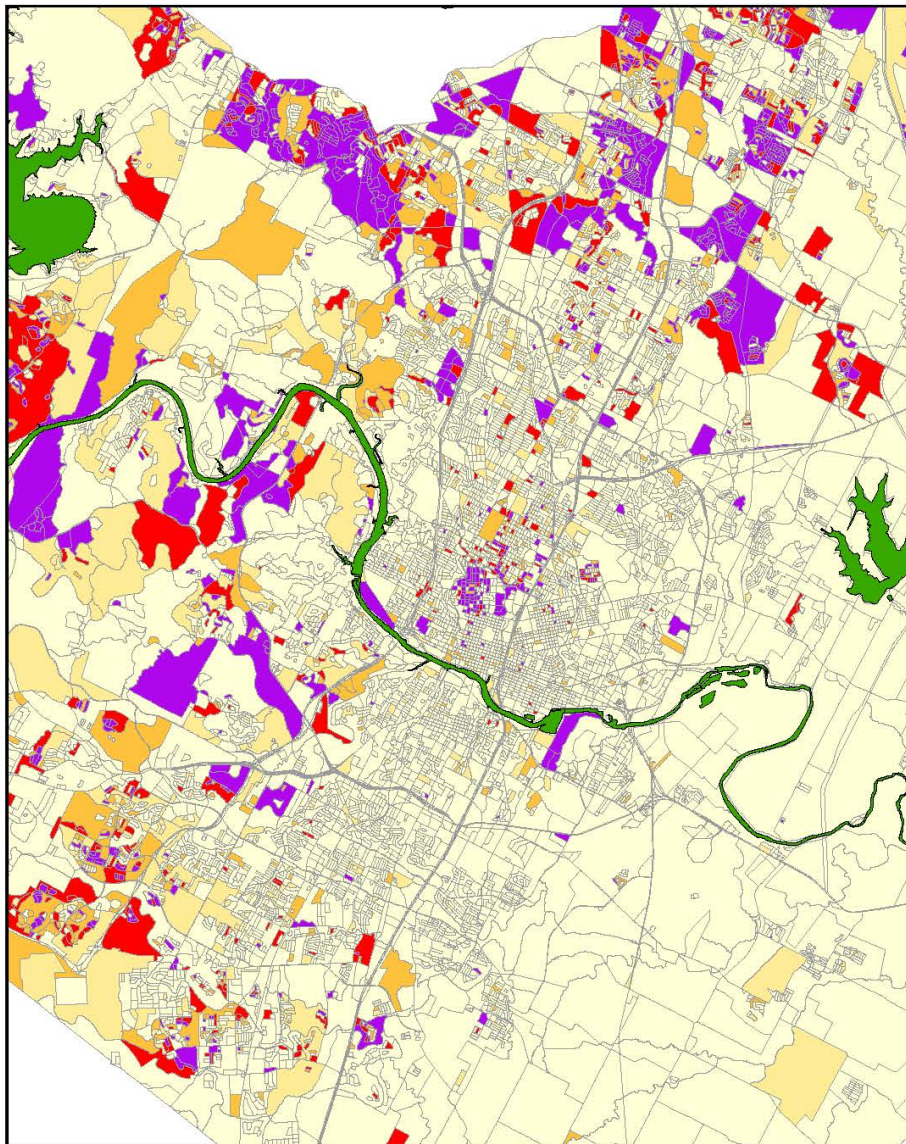
Asian Population Concentrations, 2000 and 2010



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Percentage of the
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Less than 5%
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Census 2010 Data
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Change in Asian the Percentage of Total Population 2000 to 2010

Travis County

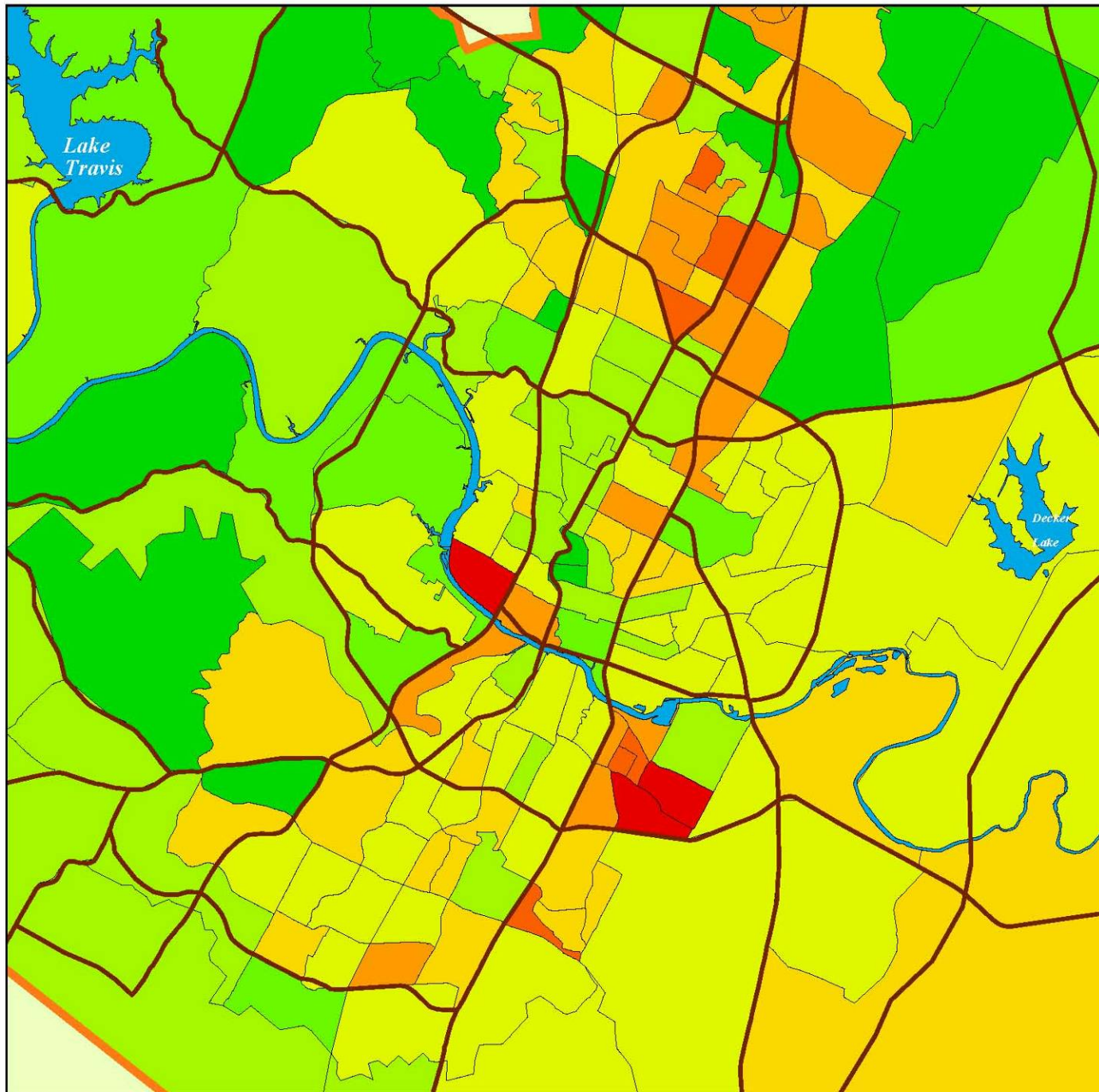
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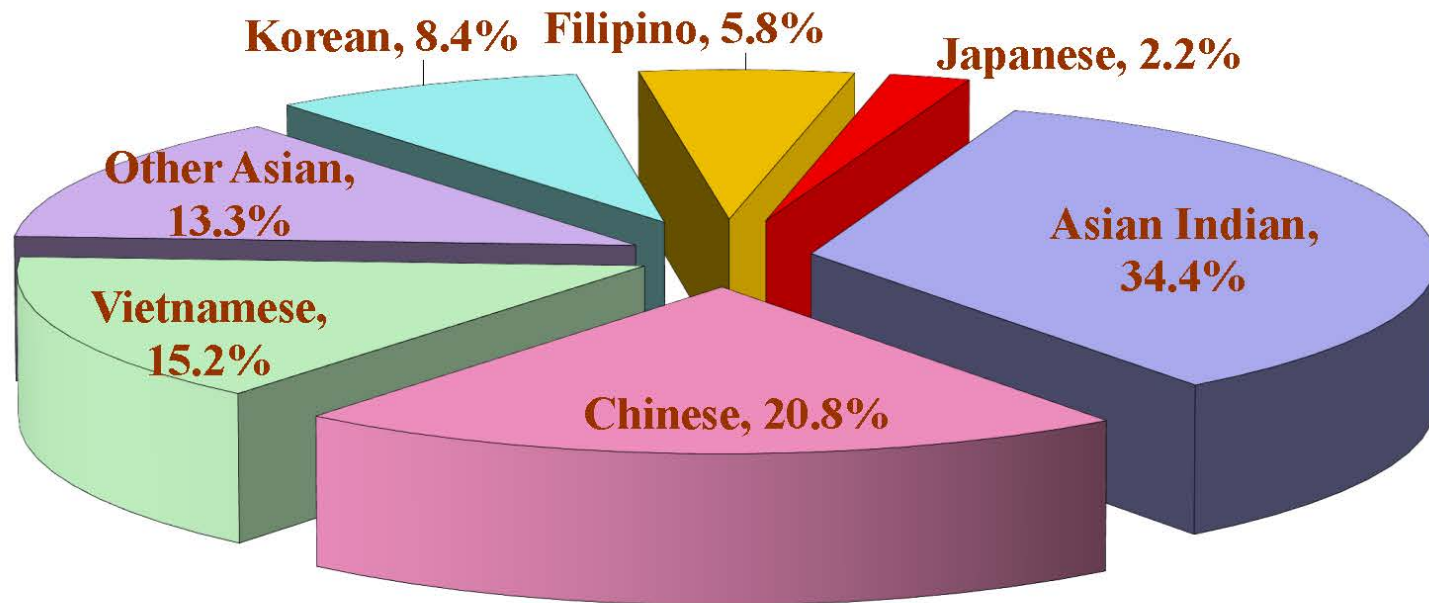
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




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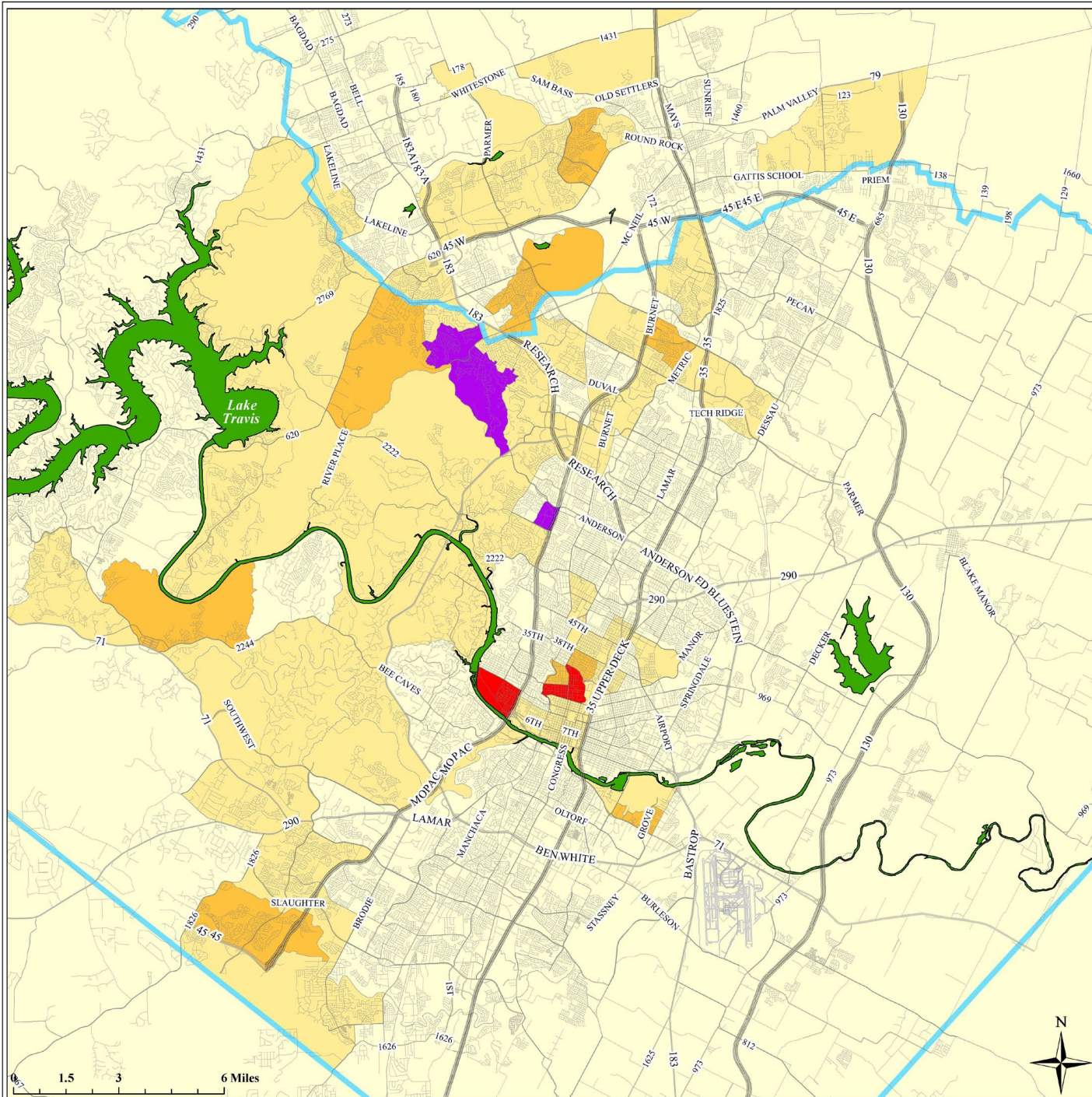


Breakout of Asians in metropolitan Austin, ACS 2015 data



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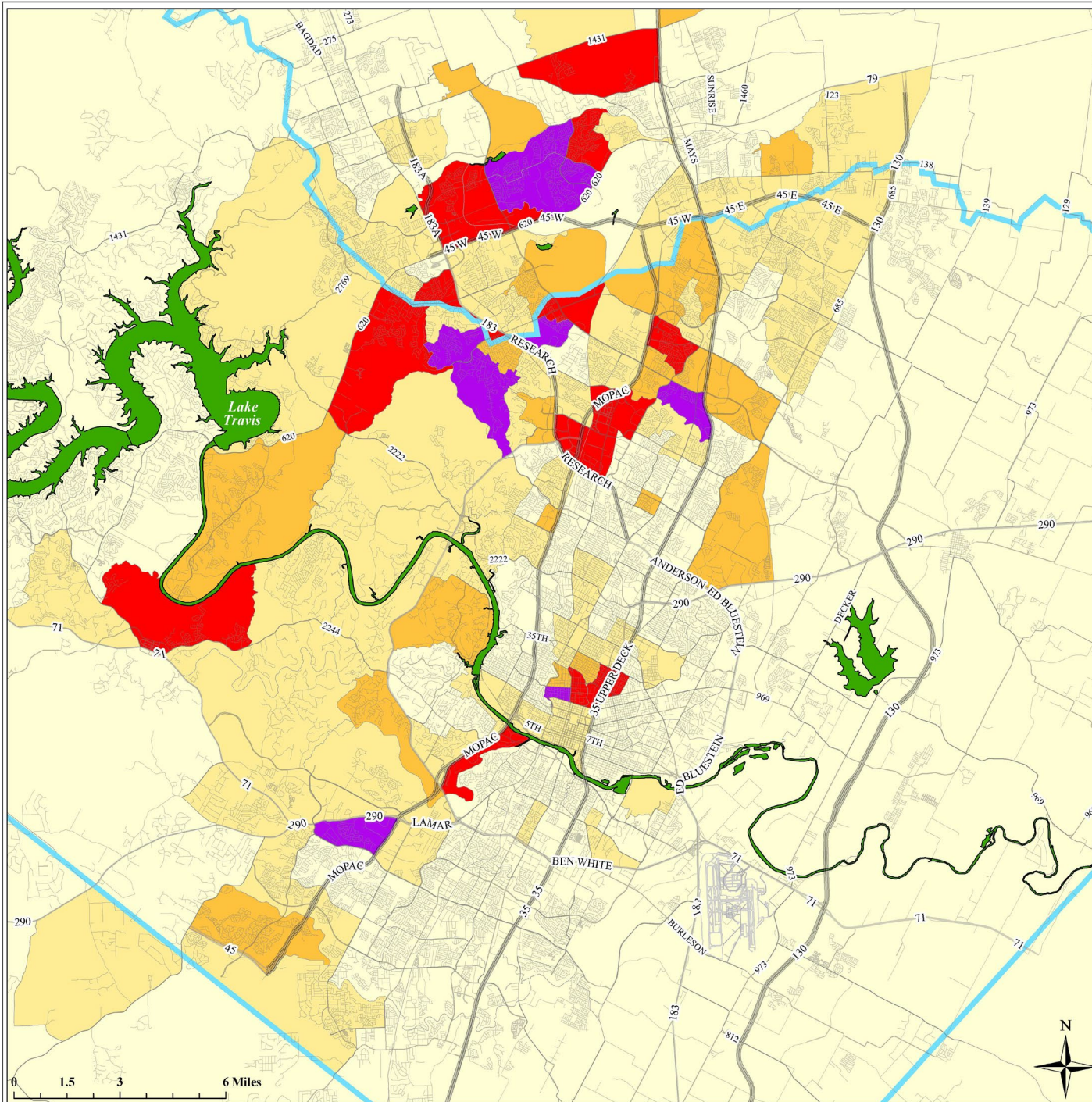
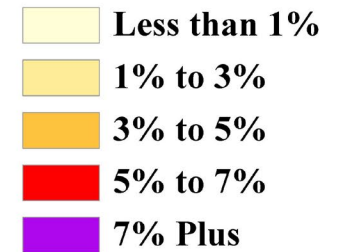
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Asian Indian Share of Total Population

Austin, Texas
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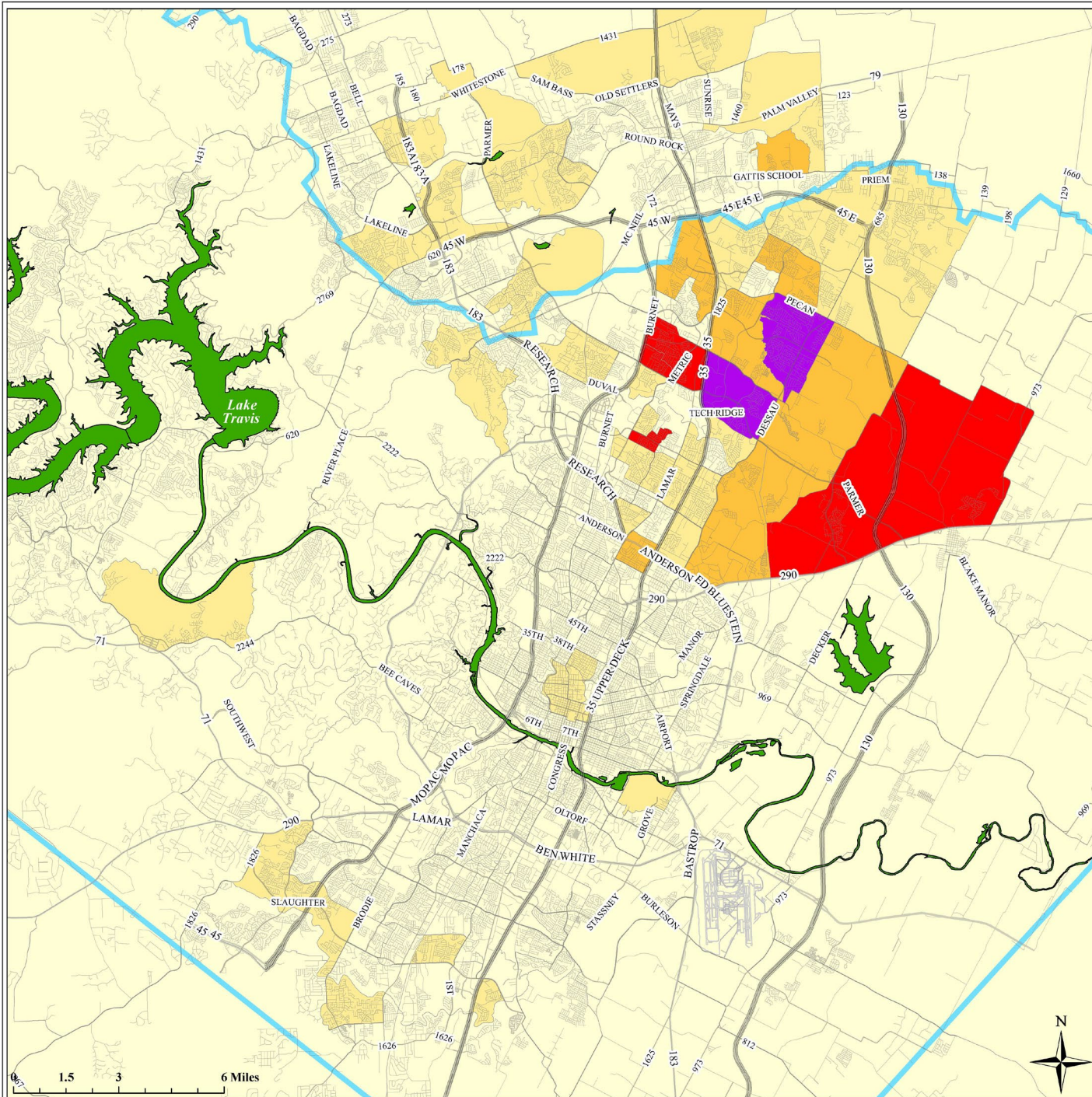
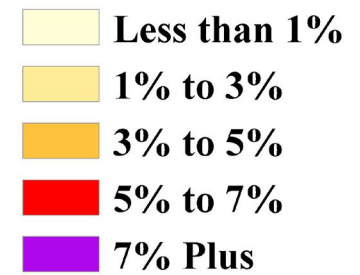
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Vietnamese Share of Total Population

Austin, Texas
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Percentage of
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